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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. In most other locations, prices were lower. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to at times fairly good, slightly better into feature activity. Supplies were adequate to ample for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient to ample for normal slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 4 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 2.5 cents lower on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 4 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 2 cents lower on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 4 cents lower for large and down 1 cent for medium. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was mixed, usually light to moderate where features were a factor. One feature noted in Iowa was one dozen mediums for 39 cents. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was light with offerings at least adequate to fully adequate. Most breakers avoided outside breaking stock and worked from regular commitments and company owned production. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand into all outlets light to moderate best where features are planned or in progress. Offerings adequate to ample.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta prices were lower. In Florida prices were unchanged on smalls and lower on the balance of sizes. The market tone was barely steady entering the week. Demand ranged light to at times good. Supplies were adequate to ample for current requirements. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending August 23, 2002 was 65.37 cents, which was 1.61 cents less than a week earlier and 5.13 cents higher than last year. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for normal processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices throughout the region 3 cents lower on jumbo, 4 cents lower on extra large and large, and 1 cent lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last Monday with California down 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 10%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings easily adequate.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes entering the week. The market tone was cautiously steady. Retail demand was fair and improving especially where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	98-100	89-91	54-56
New York	63-67	61-65	37-41
Philadelphia	61-67	60-65	36-39.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	53-62	51-58	28-31
Jackson (1)	72-74	66-68	37-39
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	66-75	61-69	38-46
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	52-56	50-54	27-31
Detroit (2)	48-53	47-51	27-31
Major Ohio Cities (2)	50-54	49-52	25-29
Major Wisconsin Cities	51-58	50-56	27-32
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	71-74	68-70	45-47
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	95	84	60

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

CALIFORNIA Prices 3 cents lower on jumbo, 4 cents lower on extra large and large, and 1 cent lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 5% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 40. Ads in Northern California: major-extra large dozen 149, large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets - large dozen 139. California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE		
JUMBO	113		
EXTRA LARGE	95		
LARGE	84		
MEDIUM	60		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-319	JUMBO	235-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	215-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	195-229
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	169-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 30, 2002 will decrease by 6 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 23, 2002 were 260,088 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	218,725	41,363	260,088
% change from the prior week.....	-2	-0	-1

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were lower. Demand was light with offerings at least adequate to fully adequate. Most breakers avoided outside breaking stock and worked from regular commitments and company owned production. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	31-33
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	15-20
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate for usually fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were clearing but still reported as sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-AUG-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.55
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were about unchanged from a week earlier. Trading was fair but most buyers were unaggressive. Interest was at best moderate for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Movement of finished products was adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-AUG-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11.75 CENTS/LB.	8-9.25	9.13
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM AUG 26, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
			CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.2	16.9	5.4	12.7	10.2	50.4
	Change	1.1	2.6	-0.8	1.6	-0.1	10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.7	65.8	13.7	25.2	37.3	167.7
	Change	4.0	4.2	-1.0	4.4	3.7	10%
Large	Curr Wk	54.4	133.2	68.7	70.7	114.5	441.5
	Change	5.4	-3.1	10.7	0.0	4.0	4%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.1	31.6	15.4	29.8	22.9	116.8
	Change	-0.3	-11.8	0.7	3.9	-6.8	-11%
Small	Curr Wk	11.1	14.2	3.1	9.7	8.9	47.0
	Change	4.0	0.0	0.3	1.4	1.6	18%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.9	27.2	10.0	16.7	6.2	64.0
	Change	1.0	4.9	0.3	2.7	1.2	19%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.0	62.9	20.1	31.6	26.7	159.3
	Change	2.7	-2.5	0.5	0.4	-1.5	0%
Total	Curr Wk	135.4	351.8	136.4	196.4	226.7	1046.7
Percent	Change	15%	-2%	9%	8%	1%	4%
TOTAL			Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg			1046.7		4%		174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/			283.1		-4%		38
Total Shell Egg			1329.8		2%		212

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO		5-AREA
NORTHEAST	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	SUMMARY
117.5	357.5	125.7	182.0	224.6	1007.3

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 12, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	182.4	179.4	170.4	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING AUGUST 12, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 23, 2002

CURRENT LOADS				12.00	FUTURE LOADS				8.50	TOTAL LOADS				20.50	
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	35.17	36.50	34.00	36.00	4.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	55.50	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	29.25	31.25	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	44.00	2.50
GL W XL	—	—	—	49.00	45.25	—	3.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.50
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	35.00	—	2.50								
GL W MD	—	—	19.00	20.50	—	—	2.50								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.50								
NRBS - 42	20.00	21.00	—	—	—	—	3.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/17/02-08/23/02

WEEKLY (5 DAY) AND AVE. FLOWS (CENTIGDOL) NATIONAL HEADSTOCK 03/20/92

CURRENT LOADS		76.00	FUTURE LOADS		73.50	TOTAL LOADS		149.50					
SE			NE		MW		SC		NW		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	43.00	45.75	35.17	39.00	36.80	36.00	14.00	GNR W 1	43.00	44.00	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	35.00	—	—	29.13	31.13	3.00	GL W J	59.00	63.00	—	—	65.00 2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	33.00	31.75	2.00	GL W XL	51.00	46.00	—	—	51.38 20.75
GL W J	—	—	—	—	59.00	—	1.00	GL W LG	37.00	43.28	—	—	45.92 30.75
GL W XL	—	50.50	—	49.31	41.86	—	47.25	GL W MD	24.04	27.86	—	—	28.86 11.25
GL W LG	—	49.60	—	49.94	38.37	—	37.75	GL W SM	—	19.00	—	—	— 1.00
GL W MD	—	23.50	23.13	20.50	24.63	25.25	19.75	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	— 2.00
GL W SM	23.00	24.25	21.31	23.19	17.00	—	6.00	NRBS - 50	27.00	31.00	—	—	— 1.00
GL BR XL	—	—	46.00	—	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 48	29.00	33.00	—	—	— 2.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	34.85	30.50	NRBS - 45	24.00	—	—	—	— 1.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	28.00	2.00	NRBS - 36	17.00	19.00	—	—	— 1.00
NRBS - 42	20.00	21.00	—	—	—	—	6.00						
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	22.70	10.00						

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 08/11/02 - 08/17/02

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	144	144
Colorado	1,620	0	2,244	3,864
Iowa	7,170	810	20,206	28,186
Minnesota	2,400	3,210	11,601	17,211
Missouri	0	0	3,726	3,726
Montana	0	0	876	876
Nevada	0	0	820	820
New Hampshire	0	810	840	1,650
Ohio	0	830	2,238	3,068
Oregon	1,610	3	0	1,613
Utah	3,630	720	6,087	10,437
Washington	0	576	0	576
Wisconsin	0	0	2,360	2,360
TOTAL	16,430	6,959	51,142	74,531

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	79-82	70-73	35-38	19-22

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
54-64	48-51	45-50	24-28	22-26

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
31-34	9-13	5-8

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	08/19/02	08/12/02	08/20/01
PACIFIC COAST	430	331	270
LOS ANGELES	361	275	0

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 8/11/02-8/17/02
 30-dozen cases 7,479
 Receipts from the mainland: 8/4/02-8/10/02
 30-dozen cases 8,123

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
80.72	74.72	48.96	44.27

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